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History:

William H. Woolvertown purchased this farm, which is located close to the eastern Borough line, and built a house between 1899 and 1901. Woolvertown, a former Alexandria resident who worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1959 as a telegraph agent and operator, was residing in New York. William S. Varner of Alexandria was the builder. After 1901 the Woolvertowns spent summers at Dorfgrange Farm, and a permanent staff was maintained to operate the farm during the family's absence.

During World War I when feelings against Germans was prevalent, the Woolvertowns changed the name of the farm to "Hartslog Farm."

Sources:

Jean P. Harshbarger, et al, Hartslog Heritage, 2nd edition, 1975.

Project Information:

This report was completed as part of a larger project documenting two canal towns--Saltsburg, on the Western Division of the Pennsylvania Mainline Canal, and Alexandria on the Juniata Division--flanking the Allegheny Divide. See the twenty-one reports on other buildings in Alexandria, an overview history of Alexandria (HABS No. PA-5407), and of canal town development in Pennsylvania (HABS No. PA-5666) for further information. Results of the project were published as Two Historic Pennsylvania Canal Towns: Alexandria and Saltsburg, Sara Amy Leach, editor (Washington, D.C.: Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record, National Park Service, March 1989).